

**OAKLAND-FREMONT-HAYWARD METROPOLITAN DIVISION
(ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES)
*Strong annual growth continues in construction***

The unemployment rate in the Oakland-Fremont-Hayward Metropolitan Division was 5.5 percent in February 2005, stable from the revised rate for January 2005, and below the year-ago estimate of 6.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.1 percent for California and 5.8 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in Alameda County and 5.3 percent in Contra Costa County.

Between January 2005 and February 2005, the number of jobs gained by 4,500 to total 1,019,900. Seasonal changes caused most of the increase.

- Government payrolls moved up by 2,900 jobs due mostly to public employees returning after the winter break. Private education also added 400 jobs with the January return to classrooms.
- Professional and business services employment increased by 1,000 jobs, mostly in administrative and support services.
- In contrast, the winter holiday season layoffs continued in the trade, transportation and utilities industry. Retail trade accounted for 1,300 of the total decrease of 1,500 jobs.

Between February 2004 and February 2005, industry employment grew by 7,300 jobs, or 0.7 percent.

- The home-building boom in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties continued to bolster construction employment by 4,900 jobs and related financial activities by 1,700 jobs. Since 1999, financial activities have grown, on average, 6.9 percent a year and construction has grown 3.0 percent a year. Industry employment as a whole gained 0.25 percent a year in that time.
- Educational and health services expanded by 3,800 jobs, including 2,900 in health care and social services (2.9 percent) and 900 (4.9 percent) in private educational services.
- Manufacturing added 800 jobs over the year to reach 99,100. This is an increase from a low of 97,400 jobs in October 2003 , but still below the peak of 121,900 jobs in December 2000.
- Government employment fell by 5,000 jobs or 2.7 percent. Local, state and federal government payrolls all reported losses.
- The information industry at 30,500 employees is continuing to decline (down 1,300 over the year) after the high of 40,200 in June of 2000.

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Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,267,200	1,266,400	1,262,500	1,273,500	0.9%	0.5%
Civilian Employment	1,187,900	1,204,300	1,192,700	1,203,400	0.9%	1.3%
Civilian Unemployment	79,400	62,100	69,700	70,100	0.6%	-11.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.3%	4.9%	5.5%	5.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.7%	5.7%	6.3%	6.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	6.0%	5.1%	5.7%	5.8%		
Total, All Industries (2)	1,012,600	1,033,900	1,015,400	1,019,900	0.4%	0.7%
Total Farm	1,200	1,300	1,100	1,200	9.1%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	1,011,400	1,032,600	1,014,300	1,018,700	0.4%	0.7%
Total Private	829,100	856,400	839,900	841,400	0.2%	1.5%
Goods Producing	163,800	171,100	169,100	169,500	0.2%	3.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	64,300	70,000	68,500	69,200	1.0%	7.6%
Construction of Buildings	16,900	17,900	17,300	17,700	2.3%	4.7%
Residential Building Construction	12,200	12,700	12,300	12,600	2.4%	3.3%
Nonresidential Building Construction	4,700	5,200	5,000	5,100	2.0%	8.5%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	7,800	9,100	9,000	8,900	-1.1%	14.1%
Highway, Street, and Bridge Const	3,000	3,600	3,300	3,300	0.0%	10.0%
Residual-Other Heavy and Civil Engineer	4,800	5,500	5,700	5,600	-1.8%	16.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	39,600	43,000	42,200	42,600	0.9%	7.6%
Building Foundation and Exterior Contractors	8,900	10,000	10,200	10,400	2.0%	16.9%
Building Equipment Contractors	13,700	14,400	14,500	14,600	0.7%	6.6%
Building Finishing Contractors	11,000	12,000	11,100	11,000	-0.9%	0.0%
Other Specialty Trade Contract	6,000	6,600	6,400	6,600	3.1%	10.0%
Manufacturing	98,300	99,900	99,400	99,100	-0.3%	0.8%
Durable Goods	62,500	64,000	63,400	63,100	-0.5%	1.0%
Primary Metal Manufacturing	3,000	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.0%	13.3%
Machinery Manufacturing	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,100	0.0%	0.0%
Industrial Machinery Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,900	0.0%	3.6%
Residual-Other General Purpose Machinery M	3,300	3,300	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-3.0%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	22,800	22,900	23,000	22,900	-0.4%	0.4%
Computer and Peripheral Equipment Manufac	6,200	5,500	5,800	5,800	0.0%	-6.5%
Residual-Communications Equipment Manufa	16,600	17,400	17,200	17,100	-0.6%	3.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	7,900	8,000	7,800	7,600	-2.6%	-3.8%
Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing	22,700	23,600	23,100	23,100	0.0%	1.8%
Nondurable Goods	35,800	35,900	36,000	36,000	0.0%	0.6%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing	7,000	6,600	6,600	6,600	0.0%	-5.7%
Chemical Manufacturing	7,300	7,200	7,200	7,200	0.0%	-1.4%
Residual-Food Manufacturing	21,500	22,100	22,200	22,200	0.0%	3.3%
Service Providing	847,600	861,500	845,200	849,200	0.5%	0.2%
Private Service Producing	665,300	685,300	670,800	671,900	0.2%	1.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	189,700	200,300	191,200	189,700	-0.8%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	48,000	49,100	48,200	48,100	-0.2%	0.2%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	24,700	25,500	25,000	24,900	-0.4%	0.8%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	17,700	17,500	17,100	17,200	0.6%	-2.8%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and	5,600	6,100	6,100	6,000	-1.6%	7.1%
Retail Trade	108,000	116,200	109,000	107,700	-1.2%	-0.3%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealer	13,000	13,500	13,200	13,300	0.8%	2.3%
Food and Beverage Stores	23,800	23,600	23,000	22,900	-0.4%	-3.8%
Grocery Stores	19,800	19,600	19,100	19,000	-0.5%	-4.0%
Residual-Specialty Food Stores	4,000	4,000	3,900	3,900	0.0%	-2.5%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,800	6,900	6,600	6,700	1.5%	-1.5%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	9,500	11,200	10,100	9,700	-4.0%	2.1%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	6,200	7,100	6,300	6,400	1.6%	3.2%
General Merchandise Stores	17,000	20,400	17,800	16,800	-5.6%	-1.2%

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Miscellaneous Store Retailers	6,700	7,000	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
Residual-Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	25,000	26,500	25,300	25,200	-0.4%	0.8%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	33,700	35,000	34,000	33,900	-0.3%	0.6%
Utilities	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	-3.3%
Transportation and Warehousing	30,700	32,100	31,100	31,000	-0.3%	1.0%
Air Transportation	3,500	3,400	3,500	3,600	2.9%	2.9%
Residual-Rail Transportation	9,100	9,700	9,200	9,100	-1.1%	0.0%
Truck Transportation	6,800	7,200	7,100	7,000	-1.4%	2.9%
Couriers and Messengers	7,600	8,000	7,500	7,500	0.0%	-1.3%
Warehousing and Storage	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	2.7%
Information	31,800	30,400	30,400	30,500	0.3%	-4.1%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	7,700	7,700	7,500	7,500	0.0%	-2.6%
Newspaper, Periodical, Book and Directory Publishing	4,400	4,300	4,200	4,300	2.4%	-2.3%
Software Publishers	3,300	3,400	3,300	3,200	-3.0%	-3.0%
Telecommunications	14,800	14,100	14,200	14,300	0.7%	-3.4%
Telecommunications Resellers	11,300	10,500	10,600	10,700	0.9%	-5.3%
Residual-Other Telecommunications	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	2.9%
Residual-Motion Picture and Sound Recording	9,300	8,600	8,700	8,700	0.0%	-6.5%
Financial Activities	66,800	68,400	68,400	68,500	0.1%	2.5%
Finance and Insurance	48,900	49,600	49,800	50,000	0.4%	2.2%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	25,000	26,000	26,100	26,200	0.4%	4.8%
Securities, Commodity Contracts and Investment	5,100	4,800	4,900	5,000	2.0%	-2.0%
Insurance Carriers and Related	18,800	18,800	18,800	18,800	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	17,900	18,800	18,600	18,500	-0.5%	3.4%
Real Estate	12,400	13,000	12,900	12,900	0.0%	4.0%
Residual-Rental and Leasing Services	5,500	5,800	5,700	5,600	-1.8%	1.8%
Professional and Business Services	145,300	148,100	145,200	146,200	0.7%	0.6%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	70,100	70,400	70,200	70,500	0.4%	0.6%
Architectural, Engineering and Related Services	14,700	15,200	15,300	15,200	-0.7%	3.4%
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	16,300	16,500	16,200	16,200	0.0%	-0.6%
Residual-Other Professional, Scientific and Technical	39,100	38,700	38,700	39,100	1.0%	0.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	21,600	21,300	20,700	20,700	0.0%	-4.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	53,600	56,400	54,300	55,000	1.3%	2.6%
Administrative and Support Services	49,200	51,600	49,700	50,400	1.4%	2.4%
Employment Services	19,500	20,400	19,900	20,100	1.0%	3.1%
Investigation and Security Services	6,100	6,700	6,300	6,400	1.6%	4.9%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	12,900	13,800	13,300	13,500	1.5%	4.7%
Residual-Other Support Services	10,700	10,700	10,200	10,400	2.0%	-2.8%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	4,400	4,800	4,600	4,600	0.0%	4.5%
Educational and Health Services	117,200	119,800	119,800	121,000	1.0%	3.2%
Educational Services	18,500	19,600	19,000	19,400	2.1%	4.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	98,700	100,200	100,800	101,600	0.8%	2.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	35,700	35,700	35,600	35,800	0.6%	0.3%
Hospitals	31,600	32,700	32,800	33,000	0.6%	4.4%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	16,900	17,300	17,500	17,600	0.6%	4.1%
Social Assistance	14,500	14,500	14,900	15,200	2.0%	4.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	78,200	81,700	79,900	80,200	0.4%	2.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	13,200	14,900	15,000	14,900	-0.7%	12.9%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	9,600	10,700	10,400	10,600	1.9%	10.4%
Residual-Performing Arts, Spectator Sports	3,600	4,200	4,600	4,300	-6.5%	19.4%
Accommodation and Food Service	65,000	66,800	64,900	65,300	0.6%	0.5%
Accommodation	6,600	6,800	6,700	6,700	0.0%	1.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	58,400	60,000	58,200	58,600	0.7%	0.3%
Other Services	36,300	36,600	35,900	35,800	-0.3%	-1.4%
Repair and Maintenance	12,000	12,200	11,900	11,700	-1.7%	-2.5%
Personal and Laundry Services	9,000	9,100	8,900	8,900	0.0%	-1.1%

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Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Government	15,300	15,300	15,100	15,200	0.7%	-0.7%
Federal Government	182,300	176,200	174,400	177,300	1.7%	-2.7%
Department of Defense	17,800	17,100	16,900	17,000	0.6%	-4.5%
Other Federal Government	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
State and Local Government	17,300	16,600	16,400	16,500	0.6%	-4.6%
State Government	164,500	159,100	157,500	160,300	1.8%	-2.6%
State Government Education	48,000	46,600	46,000	46,300	0.7%	-3.5%
State Government Education	26,300	25,700	25,400	25,500	0.4%	-3.0%
Other State Government	21,700	20,900	20,600	20,800	1.0%	-4.1%
Local Government	116,500	112,500	111,500	114,000	2.2%	-2.1%
Local Government Education	59,800	58,000	58,300	60,400	3.6%	1.0%
County	23,800	22,500	21,300	21,400	0.5%	-10.1%
City	18,800	18,000	17,700	18,100	2.3%	-3.7%
Other Local Government	14,100	14,000	14,200	14,100	-0.7%	0.0%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

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